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Westminster, January 28.

HER Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers; and being in Her Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Mr. Aston, Deputy Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for Settling upon John *Duke of* Marlborough, *and his Posterity, a Pension of Five Thousand Pound* per Annum, *for the more Honourable Support of their Dignities, in like manner as his Honours and Dignities, and the Honour and Manor of* Woodstock *and House of* Blenheim, *are already limited and settled.*

An Act to enable Henry Grey, *Second Son of* Richard Nevill, *Esq; to change his Sirname of* Nevill *to* Grey, *according to the Will of* Ralph *Lord* Grey, *deceased.*

An Act for Naturalizing John Tigh.

An Act to make the Ship Vigilantia, *of* Stad *upon the River* Elbe *in* Germany, *(lately a Wreck) a Free Ship.*

An Act to make the Neptune *Privateer (a Foreign built Ship, lately bought as a Wreck,) a Free Ship.*

After which Her Majesty made a most Gracious Speech to both Houses, which follows:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

HAving Acquainted You at the Opening of this Session, that the Treaty for an Union between England *and* Scotland, *which had been Concluded here by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, in pursuance of the Powers given by the Parliaments of both Kingdoms, was then under the Consideration of the Parliament of* Scotland, *I can now, with great Satisfaction, Inform You, that the said Treaty has been Ratified by Act of Parliament in* Scotland, *with some Alterations and Additions.*

I have Directed the Treaty Agreed to by the Commissioners of both Kingdoms, and also the Act of Ratification from Scotland, *to be laid before You, and I hope it will meet with Your Concurrence and Approbation.*

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

It being Agreed by this Treaty, that Scotland *is to have an Equivalent for what that Kingdom is obliged to Contribute towards paying the Debts of* England, *I must Recommend to You, that in case You agree to the Treaty, You would take care to provide for the Payment of the Equivalent to* Scotland *accordingly.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

You have now an Opportunity before You, of Putting the last Hand to a Happy Union of the Two Kingdoms, which I hope will be a lasting Blessing to the whole Island, a great Addition to its Wealth and Power, and a firm Security to the Protestant Religion.

The Advantages which will accrue to Us all from an Union are so Apparent, that I will add no more, but that I shall look upon it as a particular Happiness, if this great Work, which has been so often attempted without Success, can be brought to Perfection in My Reign.

Rome, Jan. 15. *N. S.* The 9th Instant Cardinal Spada, being lately returned from his Employment of Nuncio in the Court of Poland, made his publick Entry here, and waited upon the Pope, to give him an Account of his Negociation. The same Day *Te Deum* was sung in the Church dedicated to St. Stanislaus, for the Conclusion of the Peace in Poland. The 13th a Consistory was held, wherein the Pope gave the Cap to Cardinal Spada; who intends shortly to go from hence to his Bishoprick of Lucca. The Bishop of Warmia, and the Weywode of Czernichow his Brother, went lately from hence towards Poland. The Bishop of Posen intends likewise to set out on his Return thither so soon as his Health is perfectly restored. The Abbot Riviera, whom the Pope lately sent to Prince Eugene, to desire an Abatement of the Contributions demanded of the Ecclesiastical State, has sent a Courier hither with an Account, that before he could reach Milan, the Prince was gone to Turin; and desiring further Orders. Cardinal Grimani having received an Express from Vienna, had a long Audience of the Pope yesterday Morning, in which, it is said, he acquainted him, that the Imperialists would lessen their Demands to 45000 Crowns, provided that Sum be punctually paid within 3 Months time; with which it is believed this Court will comply. Signior Nani being lately arrived here from Venice, in the Quality of Ambassador from that Republick, is preparing for his publick Entry and Audience.

Milan, Jan. 22. A Placart was published the 16th Instant, requiring the Tribunals, or Courts of Justice, the Magistracy of the several Cities and Towns, and all other the Subjects of this Dutchy, to acknowledge Charles III. King of Spain, as their Sovereign; and on the 21st of next Month they are to take the usual Oaths of Allegiance to his Catholick Majesty. The Quarters and Contributions which this State is to furnish for the German Troops during the present Year, are finally adjusted; and we hope that, by the reducing of our Castle, we shall shortly be perfectly restored to the Peace and Tranquility we enjoyed before the breaking out of the present War. A Body of Imperialists is to advance towards the Great Duke of Tuscany's Territories, in order to take Quarters there, if the Contributions demanded of them are not forthwith paid. We have received Advice, That Count Schlick, the Emperor's Commissary-General, who brings a considerable Supply of Money to pay his Imperial Majesty's Troops in this Country, is safely arrived in the Imperial Quarters near Verona. The French Forces at Mirandola making Dispositions for the quitting of that Place, a Reinforcement has been sent to the Troops employed in the Blockade of that Garison, in order to endeavour to take them Prisoners of War.

Venice, Jan. 22. Signior Ruzzini being made Procurator of St. Mark, made his publick Entry here the 16th Instant. They write from Brescia, That the French have been obliged to send out of Cremona all the Monks, and several of the Inhabitants, to make their Provisions hold out the longer; and have made a Sally with the greatest part of their Garison upon the Imperial and Hessian Troops which block up that Place, but were repulsed, with the Loss of many of their Men killed, and 500 taken Prisoners; which last have been brought to Picighittone. They write from Reggio, That the Commander of the Imperial Garison there having Notice by a Deserter from Mantua, that an Enginier was sent from thence with a considerable Sum of Money to the Fortress of Mont Alfonso, he sent out a Party of 60 Men, who, by the Description and Directions given them by the said Deserter, overtook the Enginier in the Mountains, disguised in a Peasant's Habit, and found about him 6500 Louis d'Ors in ready Money, and brought him to Reggio. They write from Piedmont, That the intended Siege of Suza is delayed by the badness of the Weather; and that the Duke of Savoy has also resolved to besiege Final with a Body of his Troops; to be commanded by the Baron de St. Remi. The French Garison at Mirandola is so streightened for want of Provisions, that they have been obliged to send out above 200 of the Inhabitants.

Vienna, Jan. 22. The States of Upper Austria have consented to furnish 2000 Recruits, and 700 Horses towards remounting the Emperor's Horse and Dragoons; together with 150000 Guilders towards the Expences of the War. Cardinal Collonitz, Primate of Hungary, died here the 20th Instant, in the 76th Year of his Age. General Staremberg set out from hence two Days ago for Presbourg, in order to assemble his Forces, which are quartered about that Place, and to march towards Buda, to join General Rabutin, who, according to our last Advices from thence, had sent a Detachment of Horse to Transilvania, to endeavour the Relief of the Castle of Deva, which is attacked by a Body of Malecontents. They write from Hungary, That Prince Ragotzi is returned from Mongatz to Rosenau.

Leipsick, Jan. 28. King Augustus went from hence the 24th Instant to Alt-Ranstad, to make a Visit to the King of Sweden. King Stanislaus passed thro' this Place the same Day, returning from thence to his Quarter at Leisnig. The Electress Dowager of Saxony intends to be this Evening at Lichtenbourg, in her way hither. The Queen is expected here about a Week hence from Culmbach.

Francfort, Jan. 30. The Deputies of the Circle of the Upper Rhine are assembled here, to give the necessary Directions for recruiting their Forces, and providing their Quota of Artillery and Ammunition for the Service of the next Campaign. The Levies for the Service of the Allies are continued with good Success; and a considerable Number of Recruits have lately been sent from hence towards the Netherlands, for the Danish Forces in the Pay of the States General. The States of the Circle of Swabia are shortly to assemble at Heilbron. The Margrave of Brandenbourg Bareith continues to take a View of the Imperial Lines at Buhl, and to review the Forces quartered in those Parts.

Paris, Jan. 31. The Marshal de Villars is on his Departure for Strasbourg. The Marshal de Thesse will be going about a Fortnight hence towards Dauphiné, to take upon him the Command of the Forces quartered there. Our Officers meet with great Difficulty in the raising Recruits for the Service of the next Campaign, Men being extreamly scarce. The Count de Grammont died yesterday Morning, in the 89th Year of his Age.

Hague, Febr. 4. *N. S.* The Prince of Nassau, Stadholder of Friseland, went from hence two Days ago towards Leuwarden. Monsieur d'Auverquerque is shortly expected here from Brussels. Letters from Hanover give an Account, That the Electoral Princess was delivered of a Prince, the 31st past.

Falmouth, Jan. 26. On the 23d Instant came in here the Richard and Mary of Plimouth from Viana, laden with Wine for London, James Bennet Master. The 25th put in here the Lucy Galley from London, bound for Lisbon, William Baker Commander, laden with Corn; and the Robert from Dublin, laden with Butter, Henry Underwood Master, bound likewise for Lisbon.

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